The aim of the Government is to undertake early detection of the cases of mental disorder and that them at the community level. Towards this aim, District Mental Health Programme has already been intiated under the National Mental Health Programme and is presently being implemented in 25 districts covering 20 States and Union Territories in the Country.

Manning of Posts of ECG Technician in RML

4084. SHRI ABANI ROY :Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of poste of ECG Technicians including Junior and Senior existing in the RML Hospital and the actual person serving against them;

(b) whether it is a fact that Class IV employees including Nursing attendants have been put on the job of ECG Technicians in the Nursing Home, Emergency an OPD endangering the lives of patients;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to stop this wrong arrangement and put only quqlified persons on such technical jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) The number of sanctioned posts of Senior & Junior ECG Technicians in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital is as under:

Sr. ECG Technician	10
Jr. ECG Technician	04

At Present 10 Senior ECG Technicians and 4 Junior Technicians are working against the sanctioned posts.

(b) to (d) The Nursing Attendants who are trained in performing ECG are deployed to assist the ECG Technicians. Thus there is no chance of endangering the lives of the patients.

New sterilization techniques

4085. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are embarking on a programme to upgrade contraceptive technology including new sterilization techniques: